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(U) San Jose – Ex-DEA Translator Who Warned Suspected Drug Dealer of Wiretap Gets Probation

(U) A woman who contracted for the Drug Enforcement Administration as a translator was sentenced to three years probation for warning the target of one wiretap investigation that federal authorities were onto him. Liliana Moreno, 36, pleaded guilty this year to unlawful notice of electronic surveillance. She was formally sentenced to the probation term on 15 December. Moreno knew a man who the DEA was investigating for allegedly being part of a methamphetamine trafficking ring that imported the drug from Mexico into California.

SOURCE: 29 December 2021, Mercury News

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(U) Illinois – Sheriff's Deputy Shot and Killed Along Interstate 64

(U) Carlyle – Police have arrested a Kentucky man in connection with the fatal shooting of an eastern Illinois deputy yesterday and a carjacking in neighboring Missouri a couple of hours later. An Illinois State Police SWAT team arrested Ray Tate, 40, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on Wednesday afternoon at a home in Carlyle where Tate allegedly committed a home invasion and took the homeowner hostage in addition to the carjacking victim, police said. Tate was charged with murder by the Wayne County State's Attorney and lodged in the Clinton County Jail. The Wayne County, Illinois, Sheriff's Office said in a Facebook post that Deputy Sean Riley responded to a motorist assist call on Interstate 64 around 5 a.m. Wednesday. A second officer who arrived at the scene found Riley dead. The deputy's squad car was later found abandoned on I-64.

SOURCE: 29 December 2021, ABC 7 Chicago

(U) Iowa – Man Arrested on Way to White House with Rifle and Hit List Compiled from TikTok

(U) Cass County – A California man was arrested last week in Iowa, after telling police he was driving straight to the White House to kill persons in power. Kuachua Brillion Xiong, 25, was pulled over for driving aggressively on 21 December. He had an AR-15-type rifle, ammunition, and a grappling hook, among other items. He told a sheriff's deputy that he disapproved of the government and President Biden and that he was traveling to Washington DC. He was carrying a hit list of targets saved from TikTok videos, according to a six-page criminal complaint filed in the Southern District of Iowa and unsealed yesterday.

SOURCE: 29 December 2021, Los Angeles Times

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) United Kingdom – Almost 100 Terror Offenders Being Considered for Release

(U) London – Almost 100 terror offenders are being considered for release from prison, including attack plotters and a neo-Nazi who made a pipe bomb. The Parole Board is currently reviewing 92 cases

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referred by the justice secretary, after the government changed the law to stop terrorists being automatically freed. A total of 218 people are currently in prison for terrorism-connected offenses, including 71 per cent categorized as holding extremist views, and 22 per cent extreme right-wing. SOURCE: 29 December 2021, Independent

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